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REPORT

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1. Troop Movements in the Southern Sector of Letzling Heath.

2. Military Observations Made in Neustrelitz.

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. On 24 September, about 30 tanks drove to the Haldensleben railroad station where they were entrained. At 1730 on 24 September, the following train was dispatched from the Haldensleben railroad station toward Magdeburg: an undetermined number of flatcars with 14 T-34/85s, 1 JSU-122, 3 BA-64s and 5 boxcars with billeting equipment and about 130 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Trucks were among those that hauled equipment to the railroad station.

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- 400 cars were requested by the Soviets. At 1040 on 25 September, a train with the following cargo was dispatched at the Haldensleben railroad station toward Magdeburg: an undetermined number of flatcars with about 20 T-34/85s and 6 JS-2 tanks and 4 cars with billeting equipment and about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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At 1300 on 25 September, a train with 24 SU-100 went from Hillersleben toward Magdeburg.

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At 0630 on 26 September, a train with 12 T-34s or SU-100 left the Haldensleben railroad station.

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On 27 September, about 50 trucks were entrained at the Haldensleben railroad station.

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2. At noon on 3 October, a train with 6 JSU-249s [redacted] and a truck was dispatched at the Haldensleben railroad station toward Magdeburg.

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At 2400 on 6 October, a train carrying 13 JSU-122s or JSU-249s, [redacted] and about 10 trucks left Hillersleben toward Magdeburg.²

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3. The following observations were made at Neustrelitz post during the period from 30 September to 7 October:

Neue Infanterie Kaserne (2221): The occupation increased after 27 September, especially of T-34 tanks, and remained unchanged after that time. [redacted]

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Restricted Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse: Occupied by about 100 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. No rocket launchers were seen. Trucks [redacted] picked up ammunition at the ammunition depot in Fasanerie.

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Alte Grenadier Kaserne (2225): Occupied by about 200 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Part of the unit was presumably absent. Two 122-mm field howitzers and truck [redacted] were seen in the barracks yard.

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Restricted Schlossgarten Area (2227): Occupied by 100 to 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [redacted] entered the installation. 3

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At 1630 on 7 October, a train with about 20 trucks [redacted] passed through Neustrelitz railroad station toward Neubrandenburg.⁴

Comment. [redacted]

It is believed that, in the main, tank units of the division were retransferred from their summer camps to the winter quarters between 23 and 27 September. Another source observed that wheeled elements of the division passed through Magdeburg from Letzling Heath on 25 September. [redacted] These 7 shipments between 23 and 27 September are probably identical with those previously reported by another source which, however, erroneously reported them to have gone in the direction of Letzling Heath. [redacted]

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Comment. [redacted]

the two trains probably carried units of the 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the Third Shock Army. It is assumed that these elements transferred to Burg post after participation in the final exercises of the Third Shock Army.

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Comment. It appears that artillery units of the 9th Gds Tank Div were still absent from the post for exercises in early October. In late September, artillery units of the division either conducted

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small-scale exercises in the Wesenberg-Mirow area or participated in tank practices in the Demmin area.

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Comment.

this is a shipment of the 88th Engr Regt (?) of the Second Gds Mech Army from Neubrandenburg. It is possible that elements of the regiment which had transferred to Ferchland/Elbe on 21 September returned to Neubrandenburg. The date of the return is an indication that the units had participated in exercises of the Third Shock Army.

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